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skin region, through said surface, [said contact device comprising a large-area, optically transparent apparatus having a surface shaped to contact said skin region, said radiation passing into said skin region through said surface].

REMARKS

During the telephone interview with the Examiner, the Examiner requested that claim 18 be amended in the manner indicated above in order to more clearly set forth the novel features and indicated that the application would be allowable if claim 18 were so amended. The Examiner's cooperation in placing this application in condition for allowance is very much appreciated.

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